

1. (Amended) A substrate processing system, comprising:
a vacuum chamber;
a substrate supporter, located within the vacuum chamber, for holding a substrate;
a gas manifold for introducing process gases into the chamber;
a gas distribution system, coupled to the gas manifold, for distributing the process gases to the gas manifold from gas sources;
a power supply coupled between the substrate supporter and the gas manifold;
a vacuum system for controlling pressure within the vacuum chamber;
a controller, including a computer, for controlling the gas distribution system, the power supply and the vacuum system; and
a memory coupled to the controller comprising a computer [usable] readable medium having a computer readable program code embodied therein for directing operation of the substrate processing system, the computer readable program code including:
computer readable program code for causing the gas distribution system to introduce a first process gas comprising a mixture of SiH_4 and N_2O into the chamber to deposit a first plasma enhanced CVD layer over the wafer; and
computer readable program code for causing the gas distribution system to introduce a second process gas comprising He into the chamber to control the deposition rate of the first layer.

2. A substrate processing system as in claim 1 wherein the computer readable program code for causing the gas distribution system to introduce the first process gas comprising a mixture of SiH_4 and N_2O into the chamber controls the introduction of the SiH_4 to be between 5 to 300 sccm, and the rate of N_2O to be between 5 to 300 sccm.

3. A substrate processing system as in claim 2 wherein the computer readable program code for causing the gas distribution system to introduce a second process gas comprising He into the chamber controls the chamber pressure at about 1 to 6 torr.

1 4. A substrate processing system as in claim 3 wherein the computer
2 readable program code for causing the gas distribution system to introduce the first process gas
3 comprising a mixture of SiH_4 and N_2O into the chamber controls the introduction of the SiH_4 to
4 be at a ratio of between 0.5 to 3 times the amount of N_2O .

1 5. A substrate processing system as in claim 1 further comprising:
2 computer readable program code for causing the gas distribution system to
3 introduce a third process gas comprising NH_3 into the chamber; and
4 computer readable program code for causing the gas distribution system to
5 introduce a fourth process gas comprising N_2 into the chamber.

1 6. A substrate processing system as in claim 5 wherein:
2 the computer readable program code for causing the gas distribution system to
3 introduce a third process gas comprising NH_3 into the chamber controls the introduction of the
4 NH_3 to be between a rate of 0 to 300 sccm; and
5 the computer readable program code for causing the gas distribution system to
6 introduce a fourth process gas comprising N_2 into the chamber controls the introduction of the
7 N_2 to be between a rate of 0 to 4000 sccm.

1 7. A substrate processing system as in claim 1 further comprising computer
2 readable program code for controlling the gas distribution system to operate for a specified
3 time period.

1 8. A substrate processing system as in claim 7 wherein the computer
2 readable program code for controlling the gas distribution system to operate for a specified
3 time period comprises computer readable program code for causing the first plasma enhanced
4 CVD layer to be formed to a thickness which is an odd multiple, greater than one, of a
5 wavelength of light to be used in a subsequent process operation on the layer.

1 9. A substrate processing system as in claim 2 wherein the computer
2 readable program code for causing the gas distribution system to introduce the first process gas

3 comprising a mixture of SiH_4 and N_2O into the chamber controls the introduction of the SiH_4 to
4 be between 15 to 160 sccm, and the rate of N_2O to be between a rate of 15 to 160 sccm.

1 10. A substrate processing system as in claim 9 further comprising:
2 computer readable program code for causing the gas distribution system to
3 introduce a third process gas comprising NH_3 into the chamber at a rate of less than 150 sccm;
4 and
5 computer readable program code for causing the gas distribution system to
6 introduce a fourth process gas comprising N_2 into the chamber at a rate of less than 300 sccm.

1 44. (New) A substrate processing system, comprising:
2 a process chamber;
3 a substrate support, located within the vacuum chamber, for supporting a
4 substrate;
5 a power supply;
6 a gas delivery system for delivering process gases into the process chamber;
7 a controller configured to control the power supply and the gas delivery system;
8 and
9 a memory coupled to the controller comprising a computer readable medium
10 having a computer readable program embodied therein for directing operation of the substrate
11 processing system, the computer readable program including a first set of computer
12 instructions for controlling the gas delivery system to introduce selected deposition gases into
13 the process chamber at deposited gas flow rates, a second set of computer instructions for
14 controlling the gas delivery system to add a flow of an inert gas to the selected deposition
15 gases at a flow rate previously determined to achieve a desired low deposition rate from a
16 plasma enhanced reaction of the selected deposition gases, the desired low deposition rate
17 being lower than a deposition rate using the selected deposition gases at the deposition gas
18 flow rates with a lower flow rate of the inert gas, and a third set of computer instructions for
19 controlling the power supply to supply power to the process chamber to produce a plasma
20 enhanced reaction of the deposition gases in the process chamber to deposit a film at the low
21 deposition rate.

1 45. (New) The substrate processing system of claim 44 wherein the inert
2 gas comprises helium.

1 46. (New) The substrate processing system of claim 44 wherein the selected
2 deposition gases comprise silane and an oxygen source.

1 47. (New) The substrate processing system of claim 44 wherein the selected
2 deposition gases comprise silane and nitrous oxide.

1 48. (New) The substrate processing system of claim 44 wherein the selected
2 deposition gases comprise silane and a nitrogen source.

1 49. (New) The substrate processing system of claim 44 further comprising a
2 vacuum system for controlling pressure within the process chamber, and wherein the
3 computer-readable program further comprises a fourth set of computer instructions for
4 controlling the vacuum system to maintain a chamber pressure in the range of 1-6 Torr, and
5 wherein the selected deposition gases comprise SiH_4 flowed into the chamber at a rate of 5-300
6 sccm and N_2O flowed into the chamber at a rate of 5-300 sccm.

1 50. (New) The substrate processing system of claim 49 further comprising a
2 heater for heating the substrate, and wherein the computer-readable program further comprises
3 a fifth set of computer instructions for controlling the heater to heat the substrate to a
4 temperature in the range of 200-400°C.

1 51. (New) The substrate processing system of claim 50 wherein the
2 substrate support is spaced from the gas distribution system at a distance in the range of 200-
3 600 mils.

1 52. (New) The substrate processing system of claim 49 wherein the selected
2 deposition gases further comprise NH_3 flowed into the chamber at a rate of less than 300 sccm,
3 and N_2 flowed into the chamber at a rate of less than 4000 sccm.

1 53. (New) A substrate processing system, comprising:
2 a process chamber;

3 a substrate support, located within the vacuum chamber, for supporting a
4 substrate;
5 an RF power supply;
6 a heater;
7 a gas delivery system for delivering process gases into the process chamber;
8 a controller configured to control the power supply and the gas delivery system;
9 and
10 a memory coupled to the controller comprising a computer readable medium
11 having a computer readable program embodied therein for directing operation of the substrate
12 processing system, the computer readable program including a first set of computer
13 instructions for controlling the gas delivery system to flow He into the process chamber at a
14 selected flow rate to provide a chamber pressure in the range of 1-6 Torr, a second set of
15 computer instructions for controlling the RF power supply to supply power of 50-500 Watts to
16 the process chamber, a third set of computer instructions for controlling the heater to heat the
17 substrate to a temperature in the range of 200-400°C, a fourth set of computer instructions for
18 controlling the gas delivery system to flow SiH₄ at a flow rate of 5-300 sccm into the process
19 chamber, and a fifth set of computer instructions to flow N₂O at a flow rate of 5-300 sccm into
20 the process chamber, wherein a ratio of the selected flow rate of He to the combined flow rate
21 of SiH₄ and N₂O is at least 6.25:1 to deposit an antireflective layer on the substrate at a
22 deposition rate which is lower than a deposition rate using the same flow rate of SiH₄ and the
23 same flow rate of N₂O with a lower flow rate of He.

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5 a power supply;
6 a gas delivery system for delivering process gases into the process chamber;
7 a controller configured to control the power supply and the gas delivery system;
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